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PROTECTION OF PRACTICES SCHEME IN LIVERPOOL

The Liverpool Local Medical War Committee has sent us an account of the working of the Protection of Practices scheme in the committee's area and of the results obtained up to December 31, 1940.

The Local Emergency Committee [now the Local Medical War Committee] was elected at a meeting of all practitioners on October 5, 1938, and held its first session on November 11, 1938. It was constituted on lines suggested in the British Medical Association's memorandum, certain modifications being made in the representation to meet local requirements. The area of the Division comprises the county boroughs of Liverpool and Bootle, the boroughs of Crosby and Widnes, the urban districts of Litherland and Huyton-with-Roby, the rural district of Whiston, and the civil parishes of Tarbock, Halewood, and Hale. Three Insurance Committees were therefore concerned.

Much consideration was given to the form of agreement, and although the B.M.A.'s model, with certain modifications, was contemplated, it was ultimately decided to adopt, with suitable amendments, the form approved for the whole of Scotland. Nearly all the general practitioners in the area are participating in the arrangements, the total number of agreements signed being 359. In one instance a doctor wished to withdraw after he had signed the agreement, but the committee did not concur, and the doctor afterwards expressed his approval of the committee's decision.

A special feature of the agreement is that when a doctor in a single-handed practice proceeds on Service his practice at once comes under the communal arrangements; in the case of a partnership, however, the agreement only becomes effective when both or all partners have gone. The agreement provides that the committee shall fix a percentage deduction for administration. It was hoped that this might be a flat rate over all—insurance and private—fees, but all Insurance Committees have not agreed to make the deduction for transfer to this committee. The Liverpool Panel Committee contributed £100 towards the cost of inaugurating the scheme, and deductions at the nominal rate of 1% have been made from all private fees paid to absentee practitioners and from insurance fees paid to Liverpool absentee practitioners. Applications will have to be made direct to the practitioners in all other cases (Bootle and Lancashire), and in order to meet the annual costs of administration a revision in the amount to be deducted is necessary. The work entailed in administering the scheme is considerable. From inquiries that have been made it would appear that in other areas the deduction from private fees varies from 5% to 10%, and in one area, approximately equal to this Division, a deduction of three-fourths of 1% (15s.) was made from all insurance fees (absentee and acting practitioners)—now 12s. 6d.%—the total cost of administration being about £750.

It should be pointed out that as regards insurance fees the amounts paid to single-handed practitioners represent one-half the percentage which the receipts of the practice bear to the whole of the Practitioners' Fund in respect of the year before the outbreak of war, the balance going into the "pool," in which all practitioners share. In a partnership a similar percentage is paid to the absentee practitioner and the balance to the remaining partner, provided that the total paid to the partner does not exceed the amount due in respect of a list representing 3,000 patients, any balance going into the "pool." Fifty-eight general practitioners who signed the agreement proceeded on Service; nine have returned to their practices (at December 1, 1940), and one has died.

Insured Patients

		Doctors	Patients
Total number of patients on absentee practitioners' lists (single-handed practices)	January, 1940	(18)	23,400
	January, 1941	(22)	18,183
Total number of patients on absentee practitioners' lists (partnership practices)	January, 1940	(11)	18,708
	January, 1941	(13)	14,356

Remuneration

	£	s.	d.
The payments made to absentee practitioners for the last quarter of 1939 (October 1 to December 31) and the year 1940 for Liverpool, Bootle, and part of Lancashire, were:			
Single-handed practices	7,493	8	3
Partnership practices	10,074	12	4
	£17,568	0	7*

* Of this total about two-thirds is for Liverpool.

Private Accounts

	£	s.	d.
The number of accounts rendered to December 31, 1940, was 1,224, and receipts from private fees amounted to	1,404	15	7
There were 381 accounts outstanding at December 31, 1940, amounting to	294	2	6
	1,698	18	1
In addition, there has been paid to absentee practitioners for fees as district medical officers	281	5	0
	£1,980	3	1

Administration Account

	£	s.	d.
Receipts			
Deduction of 1% from national health insurance payments to absentee practitioners (Liverpool only)	105	4	2
Deduction from share of private fees paid to absentee practitioners	9	3	1
Contribution by Liverpool Panel Committee toward initial cost of setting up scheme	100	0	0
	£214	7	3
Payments			
Stationery, printing, and postages	109	4	5
Cheque books	2	10	0
Bank charges, *less* interest	1	3	6
	£112	17	11

It will be observed that as yet no fees for staff administration have been charged to the account. Finally, it should be stated that the scheme has worked quite smoothly, but the income from private fees is somewhat disappointing.

COURSE FOR HOME GUARD MEDICAL OFFICERS

At the request of the Central Medical War Committee the War Office has arranged a short course of instruction for Home Guard medical officers specially adapted to their Home Guard work. The course will be held at II Corps R.A.M.C. School, St. John's College, Cambridge, from Thursday, September 11, to Tuesday, September 16, 1941. It is open to all medical officers commissioned as such in the Home Guard, and those desiring to attend this course should communicate immediately with the Secretary of the Central Medical War Committee, B.M.A. House, Tavistock Square, W.C.1, and in any case before Wednesday, September 3. Officers attending will be asked to report to the Commandant at St. John's College, Cambridge, between 14.00 hours and 16.00 hours on Thursday, September 11. Uniforms should be worn. Officers will be accommodated in St. John's College, bed and blankets being provided, and will mess in the College Hall. The charge for messing will be 9s. 6d. per day. Officers should bring their civilian ration card, notebooks, and pencils. The course will disperse at 11.00 hours on Tuesday, September 16, 1941. Cheques will be accepted in settlement of messing account. A copy of the syllabus will be forwarded in due course to those intimating their desire to attend.

It is hoped that there will be a generous response to this opportunity. The course will be limited to thirty officers, and will not be held unless at least twenty intimate their desire to attend.

MEDICAL WAR RELIEF FUND

TWENTIETH LIST

Previously acknowledged £29,690 12*s.* 2*d.* *and* £100 3½% *Conversion Stock and* £40 3% *Defence Bonds*

Individual Subscriptions

£25.—S. D. M.

£21.—Anonymous

£4 6s.—Anonymous.

£3 3s.—Dr. J. F. E. Bloss, Sudan ; Dr. J. G. Wardrop, Leamington Spa.

£3.—Captain G. S. Trower, R.A.M.C. (Prisoner of War).

£266.—Surrey Insurance Practitioners—per Dr. A. Lyndon (amount already sent £266 2s.).

£181 3s.—Practitioners in the area of Newcastle-upon-Tyne Division—per Mr. Weldon Watts (amount already sent £238 4s. 6d.) : Dr. C. B. Bamford (2nd donation), Dr. R. Birk, Dr. K. Booth, Dr. J. A. Brand, Mr. John Brumwell, Dr. N. E. Brumwell, Dr. J. Clay, Dr. T. M. Clayton, Dr. R. J. Carr, Dr. J. A. Charles, Dr. T. Craig, Dr. R. Dagger, Dr. S. Whately Davidson, Dr. G. Davison, Dr. K. Dick, Dr. W. H. Dickinson, Dr. D. A. Dixon, Dr. J. Familton, Dr. M. F. Fraser, Dr. J. W. Gibson, Dr. R. D. Gilchrist, Dr. M. Goldston, Dr. D. Grieve, Dr. G. Hall, Dr. I. Harris, Mr. W. J. Harrison, Dr. F. K. Herbert, Mr. W. A. Hewitson, Dr. R. S. Hindmarch, Dr. W. Holmes, Dr. D. Hopkinson, Dr. J. M. Jamieson, Dr. H. Y. Kendal, Dr. J. D. Lickley, Dr. S. Livingston, Dr. J. Macfadyen, Mr. F. McGuckin, Dr. W. Mackenzie, Dr. H. D. MacPhail, Dr. A. A. Martin, Dr. E. J. Millar, Dr. D. R. Milligan, Dr. J. W. Morrison, Dr. J. L. Murray, Dr H. Nicholson, Sir Thomas Oliver, Mr. A. T. Paterson, Dr. R. J. Perring, Dr. H. R. A. Philp, Dr. G. B. Picton, Dr. A. M. Pringle, Dr. I. D. Riley, Dr. J. C. T. Roberts, Dr. E. D. Smith, Dr. D. W. Sinton, Dr. W. G. A. Swan, Dr. L. Thompson, Dr. S. Thompson, Prof. J. D. Wardale, Dr. R. W. R. Watson, Mr. Weldon Watts, Mr. W. F. Wilson.

£112 7s.—Practitioners in Bury Division—per Dr. A. Owen ; Dr. L. Anderson £2 2s. ; Dr. C. W. Boyter £1 1s.; Dr. H. G. Braham £2 2s. ; Dr. F. M. Braithwaite £2 2s. ; Dr. R. K. Clough £2 2s. ; Dr. C. W. Crawshaw £2 2s. ; Dr. G. Crawshaw, £2 2s. ; Dr. R. Crompton £2 2s. ; Dr. L. M. Davies £2 2s. ; Dr. J. Dewar £2 2s. ; Dr. W. Edghill £2 2s. ; Dr. D. A. Evans £2 2s. ; Drs. E. D. and E. W. Falconer £5 5s. ; Dr. W. P. Ferguson £2 2s. ; Dr. I. G. L. Ford £2 2s. ; Dr. E. J. Foulds £2 2s. ; Dr. G. T. A. Hastings £2 2s ; Dr. W. S. Haydock £2 2s. ; Dr. F. B. G. Holmes £2 2s. ; Dr. I. M. Hughes £2 2s ; Dr. G. H. Hutchinson £2 2s. ; Dr. R. P. Jack £2 2s ; Dr. H. R. Jeffery £2 2s. ; Dr. F. P. Kay £2 2s. ; Dr. M. J. Kenny £2 2s. ; Dr. R. A. Kernohan £2 2s. ; Dr. H. Lawrie £2 2s. ; Dr. G. M. D. Lobban £2 2s. ; Dr. J. S. B. Mackay £2 2s. ; Dr. N. A. M. Mackinnon £2 2s. ; Dr. J. D. McVean £2 2s. ; Mr. W. M. Martin £2 2s. ; Dr. J. B. Morton £2 2s. ; Dr. W. Mutchiston £2 2s. ; Dr. R. A. Nathaniel £2 2s. ; Dr. A. Owen £2 2s. ; Dr. R. W. Parker £2 2s. ; Dr. E. Purcell £2 2s. ; Dr. J. H. Rowan £2 2s. ; Dr. E. Sherrah-Davies £2 2s. ; Dr. E. W. M. Shaw £2 2s. ; Dr. N. Simpson £2 2s. ; Dr. H. Smith £2 2s. ; Mr. S. N. Taylor £2 2s. ; Dr. D. H. D. Young £2 2s. ; Dr. J. Ratcliffe £3 3s. ; Bury Division £10 10s. ; Dr. M. J. Maxwell £2 2s.

£88 11s.—Practitioners in Darlington Division area—per Dr. F. C. Pridham.

£50 2s. 9d.—Practitioners in Chelsea and Fulham Division—per Dr. J. A. Scott : Dr. L. Harris £3 3s. ; Dr. J. Shafer £1 1s. ; Dr. E. Macrory £3 3s. ; Dr. M. A. Spring-Rice £1 1s. ; Dr. M. Westby £1 ; Dr. M. L. Dobbie-Bateman £1 1s. ; Lieut.-Colonel W. E. A. Armstrong £3 ; Dr. J. Wilson Clyne £2 2s. ; Dr. C. H. J. Fagan £1 1s. ; Dr. A. R. Macdonald £3 3s. ; Dr. P. Rothschild £3 3s. ; Dr. H. M. Page £2 2s. ; Dr. J. T. McCarthy £1 1s. ; Dr. W. H. McKinstry £2 2s. ; Dr. E. S. Crispin £3 ; Dr. V. D. C. Wakeford £5 5s. ; Dr. C. D. Kennedy £1 1s. ; Dr. D. C. Hanson £2 2s. ; Dr. T. J. Tonkin £1 1s. ; Dr. P. L. T. Bennett £1 1s. ; Dr. M. Cutner £1 1s. ; Dr. H. Waters £1 1s. ; Dr. W. C. B. Meyer £5 5s. ; Dr. J. A. Scott £2 2s. (The cost of collection was 19s. 3d.)

£50.—Medical Staff, Royal Bucks Hospital ; Uganda Branch—per Dr. W. R. Billington.

£42 13s.—Practitioners in area of Huddersfield Division—per Dr. W. S. Dickson (amount already sent £130) : Dr. J. A. Shaw £5 5s. ; Dr. D. L. Cairns £5 ; Dr. F. Gamm £3 3s. ; Dr. R. A. C. McIntosh £3 3s. ; Dr. C. E. Mitchell £3 3s. ; Dr. S. Prior £3 3s. ; Dr. E. M. Sykes £3 3s. ; Dr. W. C. Abell £2 2s. ; Dr. G. Crompton £2 2s. ; Dr. J. McI. Gibson £2 2s. ; Dr. S. Hall £2 2s. ; Dr. P. MacGirr £2 2s. ; Dr. H. Tomlin £2 2s. ; Dr. C. E. H. Turner £2 2s. ; Dr. S. H. Waddy £2 2s. (The cost of collection was 3s.)

£18 18s.—Practitioners in Sheffield Division area—per Dr. J. Nunan (amount already sent £261 6s. 7d.): Dr. A. W. Fawcett £3 3s. ; Dr. R. L. P. Flint £3 3s. ; Dr. T. H. Almond £2 2s. ; Dr. Mary D. Boyd £2 2s. ; Mr. J. T. Chesterman £2 2s. ; Dr. I. J. McCormick £2 2s. ; Dr. T. F. Murphy £2 2s ; Dr. W. J. Clancy £1 1s. ; Dr. E. C. Eaves £1 1s.

£12 9s.—Practitioners in the North Middlesex Division area—per Dr. J. R. Richmond Ritchie (amount already sent £166 3s.) : Dr. D. Evans £2 2s. ; Dr. W. R. B. Dickinson £2 2s. ; Mr. I. Lewis £1 1s. ; Dr. W. G. Richards £3 ; Dr. H. H. Schafer £1 1s. ; Dr. J. A. A. P. Scott £3 3s.

£8 8s.—Practitioners in Scunthorpe Division—per Dr. J. R. Baker (amount already sent £59 6s.) : Dr. A. M. Macgregor £3 3s. ; Mr. W. H. Bailey £5 5s.

£6 6s.—Per Dr. J. M. Johnstone, N. Staffs L.M.W.C. (amount already sent £791 8s.) : Dr. R. M. Barrow £5 5s. (2nd donation) ; Dr. H. B. Binks £1 1s.

£6.—Practitioners in Reigate Division—per Dr. L. J. Barford (amount already sent £143 16s.) : Dr. B. J. F. Jackson-Taylor £3 ; Dr. S. Morton Mackenzie £3.

£5 5s.—Northamptonshire Medical Charity—per Dr. D. G. Greenfield (amount already sent £478 11s. 6d.) : Dr. W. M. Robson ; Practitioners in the Bolton Division—per Dr. H. W. Bowyer (amount already sent £67 16s.) : Dr. B. Thornley ; Practitioners in the Shropshire and Mid-Wales Branch area—per Dr. G. Mackie (amount already sent £195 7s.) : Dr. A. E. Nicholls.

£2 2s.—Practitioners in the area of the Marylebone Division—per Mr. F. MacG. Loughnane (amount already sent £107 5s.) : Dr. Agnes Savill.

£1 1s.—Practitioners in Buckinghamshire—per Dr. R. W. McConnel (amount already sent £288 12s.) : Dr. H. C. Woodhouse.

Local Medical and Panel Committees

£105.—Cheshire.

£19 16s. 4d.—Dumbarton (2nd donation).

The following donations have come in since the above was set in type :

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£10.—" Leicester."

£5 5s.—Dr. C. P. Miller, Cheam ; Dr. F. R. Sturridge, London.

£2 2s.—F/O A. M. Ferens Batty, R.A.F.V.R. ; Dr. S. A. B. Black, Nigeria ; Dr. N. F. Lawers, Bideford.

£1 1s.—Dr. H. Stedman, Bushey Heath.

10s. 6d.—Dr. T. Benson Evans, Prestatyn (5th donation).

£352 3s.—Practitioners in the Swansea area—per Drs. T. Ben Thomas and T. W. Davies : Dr. E. W. M. H. Phillips £7 7s. ; Dr. T. M. Anderson £5 5s. ; Dr. E. D. Owen £5 5s. ; Drs. M. and H. V. Davies, £5 5s. ; Dr. A. F. S. Sladden £5 5s. ; Dr. H. R. Frederick £5 5s. ; Dr. U. Marks £5 5s. ; Dr. T. J. Evans £5 5s. ; Mrs. E. K. R. Thomas £5 5s. ; Mr. H. W. Gabe £5 5s ; Colonel C. L. Isaac £5 5s. ; Mr. C. P. Robinson £5 5s. ; Drs. D. Rees and R. J. Isaac £5 5s. ; Dr. J. Bowen-Jones £5 5s. ; Dr. W. W. Hellyer £5 5s. ; Mr. J. Crowther £5 5s. ; Dr. W. E. Rees £5 5s. ; Dr. I. Jones £5 5s. ; Dr. H. J. Davies £5 5s. ; Dr. J. L. Davies £5 5s. ; Dr. I. Davies £5 5s. ; Mr. H. E. Quick £5 5s. ; Dr. C. Davies £5 5s. ; Dr. T. W. David £5 5s. ; Mr. W. J. Richards £5 5s. ; Dr. D. H. Isaac £5 5s. ; Dr. T. Imrie £5 5s. ; Mr. W. F. Brook £5 ; Dr. R. P. Jones £4 4s. ; Dr. J. Williamson £3 3s. ; Mr. W. H. O. Woods £3 3s. ; Dr. J. L. Jones £3 3s. ; Dr. P. O. Davies £3 3s. ; Dr. T. J. Hargest £3 3s. ; Dr. D. R. Lewis £3 3s. ; Dr. H. Owen £3 3s. ; Dr. D. B. Harrington £3 3s. ; Dr. W. MacLennan £3 3s. ; Dr. L. Watkins £3 3s. ; Dr. T. G. Jenkins £3 3s. ; Dr. A. J. Amor £3 3s. ; Dr. J. Kyle, £3 3s. ; Drs. L. F. Marks and Parker £3 3s. ; Dr. W. H. Thomas £3 3s. ; Dr. M. Goldberg £3 3s. ; Dr. W. H. Jones £3 3s. ; Mr. W. Maclean £3 3s. ; Dr. L. W. Hefferman £3 3s. ; Dr. C. G. Gooding £3 3s. ; Dr. M. Owen £3 3s. ; Dr. W. Taylor £3 3s. ; Dr. J. Shibko £3 3s. ; Dr. P. J. Ryan £3 3s. ; Dr. W. L. George £3 3s. ; Dr. T. McClure £3 3s. ; Dr. F. G. Thomas £3 3s. ; Dr. F. M. L. Jones £3 ; Dr D. J. Hughes £2 2s. ; Dr. R. J. Isaac £2 2s. ; Dr. J. Lloyd £2 2s. ; Dr. F. H. K. Knight £2 2s. ; Dr. T. W. Davies £2 2s. ; Dr. G. Jones £2 2s. ; Dr. T. B. Thomas £2 2s. ; Dr. I. O. Martin £2 2s. ; Dr. S. I. Williams £2 2s. ; Dr. G. A. Madel £2 2s. ; Dr. J. D. Robertson £2 2s. ; Dr. W. V. Howells £2 2s. ; Dr. C. James £2 2s. ; Dr. D. W. F. Jones £2 2s. ; Dr. T. Davies £2 2s. ; Dr. N. Moulson £2 2s. ; Dr. J. A. Noot £2 2s. ; Dr. H. S. Davies £2 2s. ; Dr. J. Evans £2 2s. ; Dr. D. Hughes £2 2s. ; Dr. I. P. G. Howells £2 2s. ; Dr. R. J. Smith £2 2s. ; Dr. S. Gordon £2 2s. ; Dr. H. W. Howell £2 2s. ; Dr. D. B. Phillips £2 2s. ; Dr. W. E. Thomas £2 2s. ; Dr. M. H. MacLaine £2 2s. ; Dr. H. E. James £2 2s. ; Dr. C. E. Kilmister £2 2s. ; Dr. T. J. Walters £2 2s. ; Dr. E. Aslett £2 2s. ; Dr. D. Davies £2 2s. ; Dr. J. M. Morris £2 2s. ; Dr. J. Lloyd £2 2s. ; Dr. S. A. Gailey £2 2s ; Dr. G. Jones £2 2s. ; Dr. H. Peters £2 2s. ; Dr. R. Jamieson £2 2s. ; Dr. T. D. Llewellyn £2 ; Dr. J. C. Drury £1 1s. ; Dr. M. T. Ritchings £1 1s. ; Dr. F. Kellerman £1 1s. ; Dr. M. Evans £1 1s. ; Dr. A. Staples £1 1s. ; Dr. M. Williams £1 1s. ; Dr. G. Evans £1 1s. ; Dr. G. J. Frazer £1 1s. ; Dr. A. Evans £1 1s. ; Dr. D. R. Edwards £1 1s. ; Dr. J. Kerr £1 1s. ; Dr. N. Evans £1 1s. ; Mr. M. J. Powell £1 1s. ; Dr. G. H. Garfield £1 1s. ; Dr. G. Ellis £1 1s. ; Dr. A. E. M. Herbert £1 1s. ; Dr. G. A. Stephens £1 1s. ; Dr. M. Brighton £1 ; Dr. T. H. Davies £1 ; Dr. E. R. Porter 10s. ; Dr. H. R. Tighe 10s. ; Dr. S. McClure £3 3s. ; Dr. T. C. Mort £2 2s. ; Dr. E. Coyne £2 2s. ; Dr. P. Jones £1 1s.

£293 5s. 11d.—Malaya Branch.

£37 3s. 9d.—Hong Kong and South China Branch.

£33 10s.—Practitioners in the area of the Cardiff Division—per Dr. F. Y. Pearson (amount already sent £371 3s.) : Dr. C. A. Probert £2 2s. ; Dr. N. L. Probert £2 2s. ; Dr. F. L. Sessions £1 1s. ; Dr. W. D. Lovelock-Jones £2 ; Dr. J. G. Wilson £1 1s. ; Dr. T. J. Hennelly £3 3s. ; Dr. I. I. Thomas £1 1s. ; Dr. W. J. Ashby £10 10s. ; Mr. D. Ioan-Jones £10 10s.

£26 16s.—Practitioners in Exeter Division—per Dr. J. D. R. Murray and Dr. N. Y. Paget (amount already sent £186 0s. 6d. ; Mr. H. Andrew (2nd donation), Dr. J. Kingdon Frost, Dr. M. Kaye, Dr. D. J. L. Routh, Dr. R. Shove.

£19 19s.—Practitioners in area of Belfast Division—per Dr. S. R. Hunter (amount already sent £347 19s.) : Mr. R. J. McConnell £5 5s. ; Dr. G. Hamilton £5 5s. ; Dr. D. C. Lennie £3 3s. ; Dr. H. Wilson £2 2s. ; Dr. W. Rutherford £2 2s. ; Dr. W. H. Hood £2 2s.

£15 5s.—Croydon Division—per Dr. S. A. Forbes (amount already sent £150 15s.) ; Dr. W. V. Braddon £5 ; Mr. V. Wilkinson £2 2s. ; Dr. C. I. Stockley £5 : Dr. J. Newton Hudson £3 3s.

£11 11s.—Glasgow Division—per Dr. Inglis Cameron (amount already sent £374 3s.) : Dr. G. Young £5 5s. ; Drs. R. Black and D. McFarlane £5 5s. ; Dr. A. S. Barr £1 1s.

£1.—Practitioners in area of East Norfolk Division—per Dr. J. A. Eddy (amount already sent £83 9s.) : Dr. C. H. W. Page.

The contributors to the £88 11s. from the Darlington Division were as follows : Dr. J. M. Ross £5 5s. ; Dr. D. Stubbs £5 5s. ; Dr. J. M. Scott £5 ; Dr. T. L. Wormald £3 3s. ; Dr. C. J. Kirk £2 2s. ; Dr. E. A. Hughes £2 2s. ; Dr. H. C. Pearson £2 2s. ; Dr. C. D. Wilson £2 2s. ; Dr. W. C. Fothergill £2 2s. ; Dr. R. Adamson £2 2s. ; Dr. D. Stone £2 2s. ; Dr. W. G. Annan £2 2s. ; Dr. W. A. Jaques £2 2s. ; Dr. W. G. White £2 2s. ; Dr. W. Meikle £2 2s. ; Dr. J. Sinclair £2 2s. ; Dr. A. D. Smith £2 2s. ; Dr. M. Archdale £2 2s. ; Dr. W. Pickles £2 2s. ; Dr. A. Morrison £2 2s. ; Dr. F. C. Pridham £2 2s. ; Dr. D. Todd £2 ; Dr. R. Peill £1 10s. ; Dr. J. Strachan £1 1s. ; Dr. I. Brown £1 1s. ; Dr. J. Higgins £1 1s. ; Dr. K. Girgis £1 1s. ; Dr. B. Freshwater £1 1s. ; Dr. R. Leishman £1 1s. ; Dr. W. C. Speirs £1 1s. ; Dr. E. R. Dingle £1 1s. ; Dr. A. Ingham £1 1s. ; Dr. R. P. Rosser £1 1s. ; Dr. G. A. Dawson £1 1s. ; Dr. D. V. Haigh £1 ; Dr. C. B. Whitehead £1 : Dr. P. A. M. Macgregor 10s. 6d. ; Dr. J. Blair 10s. 6d. ; Dr. B. Dawson 10s. 6d. ; Major J. H. Graham 10s. ; Anonymous £15 1s. 6d.

Local Medical and Panel Committees

£20.—Bury.

Total—£31,625 17*s.* 5*d.* *and* £100 3½% *Conversion Stock and* £40 3% *Defence Bonds*

Correction : The donation of £5 credited to Dr. J. G. Wardrop in the Nineteenth List under Warwick and Leamington and Rugby Divisions should have been credited to Dr. D. Wardrop.

It will be noticed that there is an anonymous contribution of £21. This came in the form of a Warrant as a " token payment in recognition of services to a member of my family " by three members of the medical profession in a rural area, whose names are mentioned in the note, which has apparently come from a lay person. The profession will appreciate not only the generous contribution made to the Fund but also the spirit which prompted the gift. This is the only means we have of acknowledging the contribution.

Correspondence

Capitation Fee

SIR,—I regret that the number of motions, the numerous speakers, and the course of the debate prevented me putting before the Conference of Delegates of Panel Committees a point which I had previously put to the West Riding Panel Committee. May I, Sir, through your kindness give it a belated but wider publicity?

At the moment the Government pays into a "pool," from which certain charges have to be met, the sum of 13s. From this the profession receives 9s.—that is, nine-thirteenths. It is proposed in the new Bill to pay into that pool the sum of 14s. 6d., for which sum 9s. 9d. will be paid to the profession. Now nine-thirteenths of 14s. 6d. comes to, roughly, 10.03s., which is rather more than 9s. 9d. So that the apparent increase of 9d. per head in the capitation fee is in reality a reduction in the proportion received by the profession from the "pool." In the district from which I come that is known as the "Irishman's rise."

It may be said that the 9d. is in fact all that can be obtained from the "pool." Against this is the fact that on June 30 a deputation from the I.A.C. (see their report) were told by the Minister "that according to present calculations there would not be sufficient money in the pool to pay the doctors a capitation fee of more than 9s. 6d." At that date the new Bill had not been suggested, so the "present calculation" must refer to a pool filled only with 13s. Observe, therefore, Sir, that it is possible to pay 9s. 6d. out of 13s. and only 9s. 9d. out of 14s. 6d.: the "Irishman's rise" more than ever.

It is a good rule that he who criticizes should have some constructive suggestions to make. I have two—the one radical, the other palliative. The only radical cure, so far as I can see, is a State Medical Service. If we must be slaves, better be slaves of the State than of the approved societies. The palliative cure is well described in that Book which formed the earliest reading for most of us and will, I hope, be the ultimate consideration of all of us. Therein, Sir, we find that the poor widow seeking justice found it with the help of neither logic nor evidence but simply by continuous pleading. We are none of us without some influence. Let us, I suggest, rather than rock the boat, quarrel with the rowers, or debate the exact point on which we shall land, join wholeheartedly together to make for land; in season and out of season present a united front and a united complaint, and mass in our favour that public opinion which has been and is the ultimate court of appeal in our country.—I am, etc.,

Yeadon, Aug. 6. JAMES E. OUTHWAITE.

State Medical Service

SIR,—Readers of Lieut.-Colonel S. H. Fairrie's letter (*Supplement*, August 2, p. 16) will have noticed that: (1) he concludes that the "idea of a State Medical Service . . . originated from within the ranks of the medical profession"; (2) he assumes that, as a result of the war, this country must of necessity enter a period of extreme financial stringency. In my opinion he has not proved his conclusion, and his assumption is without foundation.

In the first instance no consideration appears to have been given to the possible part played in the matter by the doctrinaire politician. Few of us would like to see medical policy made the plaything of party politics, but we must not for this reason allow ourselves to be blinded to the fact that party politics are already established in our midst. It may not be generally known, but it is nevertheless a fact, that there is in existence an association, with many national and international non-medical affiliations, whose primary object is "to work for a Socialized Medical Service." (I take it that "socialized" in this connexion is synonymous for "national" or "State.") Membership of the association is open to individuals included in one or more of seven categories provided they accept a particular political theory. The first category is "Registered or Qualified Medical Practitioners." I have in my possession documentary evidence which proves that propaganda in favour of a State Medical Service emanates from this association. Though I cannot say where the "idea of a State Medical Service originated," I am convinced that it was not within the ranks of the medical profession.

The assumption relating to finance is based on the almost universal delusion that a great war must of necessity be followed by a period of extreme financial difficulty. The fact is that great wars are usually followed by poverty and distress, but the nature of things does not make this sequence inevitable. If we allow it to happen again we shall only get what we deserve by failing to take the sane and feasible steps by which it can be avoided. It can easily be proved then (though there is not space to do it now) that an ever-increasing wealth of goods and services can be made available for distribution among the people of this country when the war comes to an end. There are two practicable methods by which this distribution can be made: (*a*) By means of a central planning authority which will decide, on the best authority of course, what is best for the people and will make distribution on those principles. "The standard of living" as compared with the present level would probably be high, but individual initiative and freedom of choice among the mass of the people would be reduced to a minimum. Among other things an adequate supply of standardized doctors (duly certified by the proper authority) would be distributed to a standardized people. So much for the authoritarian way. (*b*) The introduction of the second method would necessitate the making of certain simple adjustments in our money system. These are not of a kind which would lead to the impoverishment of any section of the community. Their chief side-issue would be to take irresponsible power out of the hands of small groups which now hold it. This threat to power maniacs is perfectly appreciated by them, and here is to be found the explanation of the colossal opposition which any suggestion for sane money reform calls forth. Once this opposition were overcome the financial adjustments necessary for the satisfactory distribution of goods and services could be put into practice without the least difficulty. If this method were adopted "freedom of choice" would extend very far beyond the bounds in which Mr. Brown is free to call in Dr. Jones or Dr. Smith.—I am, etc.,

Bexley, Kent, Aug. 4. E. U. MACWILLIAM.

Domiciliary Visits of Public Vaccinators

SIR,—With regard to the correspondence on vaccination, the following series (not a heavy list) of last week's vaccination visits, fifteen in all, speak for themselves. (1) Vaccinated. (2) Out. (3) Vaccinated. (4) Postponed (conjunctivitis). (5) House unoccupied (mother gone to hospital, I am informed). (6) Vaccinated. (7) Vaccinated. (8) Vaccinated. (9) No reply (presumably "out"). (10) Vaccinated. (11) Out (left message to say "refusing" in any case). (12) Vaccinated. (13) Refused (no previous warning to that effect). (14) Out. (15) Refused (no previous warning to that effect).

It can be seen that eight visits (over 50%) have been futile. Those who refused have apparently not even troubled to sign the "conscientious clause," nor to warn the vaccination officer. It would appear that an immense amount of time and petrol could be saved if the vaccinator could attend a central clinic. Could he not attend for that purpose the infant welfare clinics for a short period while they are in session?—I am, etc.,

Smethwick, Aug. 2. JAMES SHAW.

Medical Forces of H.M. Services Appointments

ROYAL NAVY

Surgeon Lieut.-Commander D. W. Pratt (Emergency) has been transferred to the Permanent List.

Acting Surgeon Lieut.-Commander I. Whittington to be Surgeon Lieutenant-Commander.

Surgeon Lieuts. W. H. C. Watson and J. M. Fitzpatrick to be Surgeon Lieutenant-Commanders.

ROYAL NAVAL VOLUNTEER RESERVE

Acting Surgeon Lieut.-Commander R. A. Mogg to be Surgeon Lieutenant-Commander.

Probationary Temporary Surgeon Lieuts. J. P. F. Hummel, F. P. S. Malone-Barrett, R. A. H. Simpson, D. McLean, C. Halamandres, G. R. Waterman, T. T. Davies, M. B. D. Welland, and C. H. Edwards to be Temporary Surgeon Lieutenants.

ARMY

Lieut.-General Sir William P. MacArthur, K.C.B., D.S.O., O.B.E., late R.A.M.C., has retired on retired pay.

Major-General R. W. D. Leslie, C.B., O.B.E., K.H.P., late R.A.M.C., has retired on retired pay

Colonel A. Hood, C.B.E., late R.A.M.C., to be Lieut.-General.

Colonel (acting Major-General) P. S. Tomlinson, D.S.O., late R.A.M.C., to be Major-General.

Colonel (temporary Brigadier) C. M. Finny, O.B.E., K.H.S., late R.A.M.C., to be acting Major-General.

Lieut.-Colonels J. W. C. Stubbs, D.S.O., M.C., from R.A.M.C., and H. G. Winter, M.C., from R.A.M.C., to be Colonels.

ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL CORPS

Colonel T. S. Dudding, O.B.E., retired pay, late R.A.M.C., has reverted to the rank of Major at his own request whilst employed during the present emergency.

Lieut.-Colonel (temporary Colonel) J. G. Ronaldson, M.C., having attained the age for retirement, has retired, and remains employed.

Lieut.-Colonel H. V. Stanley, M.B.E., M.C., retired pay, has reverted to the rank of Major at his own request whilst employed during the present emergency.

Majors (temporary Lieut.-Colonels) W. Russell, M.C., and L. A. J. Graham to be Lieutenant-Colonels.

Major G. S. Douglas to be Lieutenant-Colonel.

Major R. T. Cox has retired on retired pay.

Captain C. E. Watson has retired, receiving a gratuity. (Substituted for the notification in the *London Gazette* of May 27, 1941.)

War Substantive Captain A. J Ireland has resigned his commission.

Lieut. J. F. F. Garry has relinquished his commission on account of ill-health.

REGULAR ARMY RESERVE OF OFFICERS

ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL CORPS

Major W. R. O'Farrell, having attained the age limit of liabliity to recall, has ceased to belong to the Reserve of Officers.

SUPPLEMENTARY RESERVE OF OFFICERS: ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL CORPS

War Substantive Captain F. A. Gaydon has ceased to belong to the Supplementary Reserve of Officers on account of ill-health.

TERRITORIAL ARMY

ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL CORPS

Major W. A. Mackey, from supernumerary for service with the Medical Unit, Glasgow University Contingent, Senior Division, O.T.C., to be Major.

War Substantive Captains R. O. Barber and P. Wade have relinquished their commissions on account of ill-health.

Second Lieut. (War Substantive Lieut.) J. D. F. Norman, from Royal Artillery, Territorial Army, to be Lieutenant.

The notifications regarding transfer of the following officers from Territorial Army Reserve of Officers in the *London Gazette*, the dates of which are indicated in parentheses, have been cancelled: Captains (now Temporary Majors) G. N. Bailey and D. R. Hood, Captains R. Woodside and G. T. Pitts, and Lieut. (now War Substantive Captain, Temporary Major) J. A. Kerr (September 13, 1939); Major (now Temporary Lieut.-Colonel) A. O. Bekenn, O.B.E., Captains (now Temporary Majors) K. M. Morris, E. F. S. Morrison, and S. C. Swinburne, and Captains D. M. Mackenzie, T. H. Sansome, J. Kerr, J. H. B. Livingston, and J. O'Donnell (September 14, 1939); Lieut. (now War Substantive Captain) C. Stewart (September 22, 1939); Majors W. Brockbank and L. F. E. Jeffcoat (September 23, 1939); Lieut.-Colonel T. E. A. Carr, Majors (now Temporary Lieut.-Colonels) W. Barclay, M.C., and J. L. Menzies, M.C., Majors C. W. Greenhill and E. T. H. Lea, and Captains (now Temporary Majors) F. J. Whitelaw and H. P. Gabb, M.C. (September 26, 1939); Majors (now Temporary Lieut.-Colonels) S. S. Greaves, D.S.O., M.C., and A. M. Hughes, M.C., Major H. H. Fowler, and Captain (now Temporary Major) F. Evans, M.B.E. (September 30, 1939); Captain (now Temporary Major) G. Chesney and Lieut. (now War Substantive Captain) B. McK. Dick (October 3, 1939); Major (now Temporary Lieut.-Colonel) N. H. H Haskins, M.C., Majors J. F. Fraser and H. Wilson, M.C., Captain (now War Substantive Major, Temporary Lieut.-Colonel) J. F. Ward, Captains (now Temporary Majors) M. E. D. Roberts and A. C. Sinclair, and Lieuts. (now War Substantive Captains, Temporary Majors) M. J. Bett and E. T. Colville (October 6, 1939); Lieut.-Colonels J. O. Thomas and J. S. M. Connell, Majors (now Temporary Lieut.-Colonels) G. V Davies and J. G. Graham, Majors R W. Fairbrother, A. M. Jones, and H. L. Sheehan, Captains (now Temporary Majors) C. E Sykes, H. G. Dodd, and F. A. Smorfitt, and Captains J. G. Morrin, A W. Uloth, and A. N. Smith (October 10, 1939); Majors H. M. McE. Morris and F. H. Scotson (October 13, 1939); Major F. D. Marsh, M.C. (October 17, 1939); Major (now Temporary Lieut.-Colonel) C. B. Levick and Major A. C. M. Savege, T.D. (October 20, 1939); Captain (now Temporary Lieut.-Colonel) H. S. Allen (October 27, 1939); Lieut.-Colonel A. A. Eagger, C.B.E. (November 1, 1939); Lieut.-Colonel (now Major) W. Bowater, M.C. (November 3, 1939); Captain (now Temporary Major) C. S. Swinburne, Captain D. E. Denny-Brown, and Lieut. (now War Substantive Captain) C. A. Croman (November 6, 1939); Lieut.-Colonels J. A. Stenhouse, T.D., and H. V. Walsh, T.D., Majors (now Temporary Lieut.-Colonels) H. Foxton, M.C., and G. M. Heiron, Major C J. Fox, and Captains (now Temporary Majors) H. B. Dodwell and R. E. Davie, M.C. (November 8, 1939); Major (now Temporary Lieut.-Colonel) G. W. Wigg, T.D., and Captain (now Temporary Major) H. G. Neill (November 15, 1939), Major H. J. Heathcote (November 17, 1939); and Captain (now Temporary Major) F. W Bury (December 8, 1939).

TERRITORIAL ARMY RESERVE OF OFFICERS: ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL CORPS

Captain S. Summerson, having attained the age limit, has relinquished his commission and retains his rank.

LAND FORCES: EMERGENCY COMMISSION

ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL CORPS

War Substantive Captains A. C Jepson, A. B. Monk, and G. G. Michell have relinquished their commissions on account of ill-health.

The surnames of Lieuts. H. W. Cowen, B. S. Tulloch, and St. J. C. B. Serjeant are as now described and not as stated in *Supplements* to the *London Gazette* dated November 15, 1939, March 5, 1940, and February 7, 1941, respectively.

Lieut. R. A. Coughlan to take rank and precedence in his Corps and in the Army as if his appointment bore date May 14, 1941.

The initials of Lieut. A. J. M. Drennan are as now described and not as stated in a *Supplement* to the *London Gazette* dated June 6.

To be Lieutenants: C. I. N. Morgan, A. N. Barker, R. Bloom, A. G. C. Cox, T. J. Eason, F. A Frank, P. H. Garrard, T. Gass, C. G. Gordon-Wilson, J. S. Lillicrap, W. C. Maughan, S. M. Pruss, A. I. Ross, R. Sherrard, G. A. Simpson, J. W Alden, J. N. Alexander, A. S. Burns, A. B. Cormick, J. A. Donaldson, H. R. Duval, G. P. Holderness, A. W. P. Johnson, G. B. Libbey, J. MacDonald, R. B. McMartin, A. Mack, W. C. Muir, B. A. Protheroe, T. W. L. Roberts, J. D. Robertson, D. L. Shaw, F. Shaw, L. Solomon, R. Steen, C. D. Stewart, W. F. J. Weston, J. L. Washington, D. J. Burgess, A. Mann, E. Batley, A. F. Crook, S. V. Cullen, D. E. T. Donaldson, H. Duff, D. M. Fairley, J. T. M. Fenton-Fyfe, H. M. Fyvie, E. R. Hargreaves, A. Jeffrey, J. Kelvin, M. H. Lloyd, D. H. McCollum, T. Owen, B. C. Rowlands, S. K. Sen, W. A. Souter, D. E. Thompson, B P. Tulley, K. R. Urquhart, C. D. Pile, S. Tarlow, W. S. Aird, H. Angelman, J. C. Birchall, J. Cowan, J. Henry, L. C. Hill, D E. Jarman, J. C. Jeffrey, H. Josephs, P. F. Maguire, J. L. Maslin, W. J. E. Radford, L. G. R. Roberts, F. J. Rutter, C. V. P. Ryall, V. A. Abernethy, A. Barlow, R. F. M. Child, G. O. Cowdy, T. H. Parkman, L. Dexter, G. K. Lim, J. Metcalf, J. F. Poolman, P. Simon, D. P. Burkitt, A. R. R. Kent, D. G. C. Macdonald, H. L. C. Maitland, C. T. Barry, R. A. Morca, G. B. Murray, J. B. Roy, R. T. Simcox, K. Tatz, W. M. Turnbull, A. Limentani, I. R. Bindman, J. H. Bruce, W. D. A. Callam, J. A. Carter, N. E. Delaney, N. Grellier, M. C. Hodgson, S. Livingstone, N. O. Paterson, A. E. Paxton, W. J. Peden, I. H. Premdas, D. Rupney, E. Smith, R. C. Southern, A. Stern, G. D. Walker.

The notification regarding Lieut. A. B. Cowley in the *Supplement* to the *London Gazette* dated June 27, 1941, is cancelled.

Dr. (Lieut.) J. R. M. Johnson has relinquished her appointments.

BRITISH MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the British Medical Association will be held in the Great Hall, British Medical Association House, on Thursday, September 11, at 12.30 p.m.

Business

1. Minutes of meeting held on October 28, 1940.
2. Appointment of Auditors.
3. To receive and approve the statement of accounts of the Association as published in the *Supplement* to the *British Medical Journal* of May 17, 1941.
4. Any other business.

G. C. ANDERSON,
Secretary.

POSTGRADUATE NEWS

The Fellowship of Medicine announces the following M.R.C.P. courses: (1) neurology at West End Hospital for Nervous Diseases, August 26 to September 19, Tuesdays and Fridays, at 3.30 p.m.; (2) heart diseases at Royal Chest Hospital, August 27 to September 17, Wednesdays, at 3.30 p.m.; (3) chest and heart diseases at London Chest Hospital, September 2 to 25, Tuesdays and Thursdays, at 2 p.m. Also the following Final F.R.C.S. courses: (1) clinical course at St. Mary Islington Hospital, September 3 to 24, Wednesdays, at 2 p.m.; (2) clinical orthopaedics at Royal National Orthopaedic Hospital, Stanmore, September 6 to 27, Saturdays, at 2.15 p.m.; (3) comprehensive course at Royal Cancer Hospital, every morning, September 29 to October 17.

The Fellowship of Medicine announces the following postgraduate courses for Final F.R.C.S. candidates: clinical course at St. Mary Islington Hospital on Wednesdays at 2 p.m., from September 3 to 24; clinical orthopaedic course at the Royal National Orthopaedic Hospital on Saturdays at 2.15 p.m., from September 6 to 27; comprehensive revision course, every morning at 10 a.m., from September 29 to October 17.

A series of lectures on "War Surgery of the Extremities" will be given at the British Postgraduate Medical School from Monday to Friday, September 1 to 5 (both days inclusive), beginning at 10 a.m. daily. The fee for the course is £1 1s. Officers of the armed Forces and whole-time officers of the E.M.S. will be admitted free provided they have obtained necessary leave and registered their names before the commencement of the course. Applications for admission should be addressed to the Dean of the British Postgraduate Medical School, Ducane Road, W. Further war surgery courses will be held as follows: beginning Monday, September 15, "War Surgery of the Abdomen"; beginning Monday, September 29, "War Medicine."

WEEKLY POSTGRADUATE DIARY

FELLOWSHIP OF MEDICINE AND POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL ASSOCIATION, 1, Wimpole Street, W.—*West End Hospital for Nervous Diseases:* Tues. and Fri., 3.30 p.m., M.R.C.P. Course in Neurology. *Royal Chest Hospital,* City Road, E.C.: Wed., 3.30 p.m., M.R.C.P. Course in Heart Diseases. *Brompton Hospital,* S.W.: Mon. and Thurs., 5 p.m., M.R.C.P. Course in Chest Diseases. *Colindale Hospital,* The Hyde, N.W.: Thurs., F.R.C.S. (Final) Course in Urology.

VACANCIES

EXAMINING FACTORY SURGEONS.—The appointment at Udlington (Lancaster) is vacant. Applications to the Chief Inspector of Factories, 28, Broadway, S.W.1, by August 26.

EXAMINING FACTORY SURGEONS.—The following vacant appointments are announced: Maiden Newton (Dorsetshire); Alyth (Perthshire). Applications to the Chief Inspector of Factories, 28, Broadway, S.W.1, by September 2.

APPOINTMENTS

HEATHER, J. C., M.D., B.S., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., Examining Factory Surgeon for the Coventry East District (Warwickshire).

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS

The charge for inserting announcements under this head is 10s. 6d. This amount should be forwarded with the notice, authenticated with the name and address of the sender, and should reach the Advertisement Manager not later than first post Monday morning to ensure insertion in the current issue.

BIRTH

FORREST-HAY.—On August 8, at "The Riddings," Bewdley, Worcestershire, to Marjorie, wife of Captain Graham Forrest-Hay, R.A.M.C., W.S., a son. Both well.